

IMESS DISSERTATION



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Please note that IMESS students are not required to use a particular set of methods (e.g. qualitative, quantitative, or comparative) in their dissertation.

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Dissertation title:	Financial Development and Economic Growth in China

	Excellent	Satisfactory	Poor
Knowledge <i>Knowledge of problems involved, e.g. historical and social context, specialist literature on the topic. Evidence of capacity to gather information through a wide and appropriate range of reading, and to digest and process knowledge.</i>		x	
Analysis & Interpretation <i>Demonstrates a clear grasp of concepts. Application of appropriate methodology and understanding; willingness to apply an independent approach or interpretation recognition of alternative interpretations; Use of precise terminology and avoidance of ambiguity; avoidance of excessive generalisations or gross oversimplifications.</i>			x
Structure & Argument <i>Demonstrates ability to structure work with clarity, relevance and coherence. Ability to argue a case; clear evidence of analysis and logical thought; recognition of an arguments limitation or alternative views; Ability to use other evidence to support arguments and structure appropriately.</i>		x	
Presentation & Documentation <i>Accurate and consistently presented footnotes and bibliographic references; accuracy of grammar and spelling; correct and clear presentation of charts/graphs/tables or other data. Appropriate and correct referencing throughout. Correct and contextually correct handling of quotations.</i>			x

ECTS Mark:	D	UCL Mark:	55	Marker:	Tomas Cahlik
<i>Deducted for late submission:</i>				Signed:	
<i>Deducted for inadequate referencing:</i>				Date:	19/06/2014

MARKING GUIDELINES

A (UCL mark 70+): Note: marks of over 80 are given rarely and only for truly exceptional pieces of work.

Distinctively sophisticated and focused analysis, critical use of sources and insightful interpretation. Comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to the chosen field of research, showing an ability to engage in sustained independent research.

B/C (UCL mark 60-69):

A high level of analysis, critical use of sources and insightful interpretation. Good understanding of techniques applicable to the chosen field of research, showing an ability to engage in sustained independent research. 65 or over equates to a B grade.

D/E (UCL mark 50-59):

Demonstration of a critical use of sources and ability to engage in systematic inquiry. An ability to engage in sustained research work, demonstrating methodological awareness. 55 or over equates to a D grade.

F (UCL mark less than 50):

Demonstrates failure to use sources and an inadequate ability to engage in systematic inquiry. Inadequate evidence of ability to engage in sustained research work and poor understanding of appropriate research techniques.

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**PLEASE PROVIDE SUBSTANTIVE AND
DETAILED FEEDBACK!**

Constructive comments, explaining strengths and weaknesses (*at least 300 words*):

My main problem with this thesis is that I am written as a supervisor but I do not remember having seen either the author or some draft of this thesis before. So I refuse any responsibility for this thesis.

The logical line of this thesis is clear; Naren compiles in an intelligent way a lot of sources relevant for either financial system or economic growth. Her contribution is clear as well: she adds for each item some description of the Chinese situation. Furthermore, one chapter is dedicated to the development of financial system in China.

I miss a clear statement of a research question; it ought to be in the introduction. Without the use of some econometrics, it is difficult to discuss reasonably the link between the financial system and economic growth.

Summary: Author shows satisfactory knowledge of relevant topics. Methodology must be evaluated as poor – author works usually just with stylized facts and the use of data is not satisfactory. I appreciate her contribution; it is interesting to be informed about anything in China in a structured way. I do not have any comments to the formal appearance of her thesis.

I recommend this thesis for defense.

Specific questions you would like addressing at the oral defence (*at least 3 questions*):

What are recent changes in the development of financial system in China?

What are recent changes in economic growth in China?

How are these changes linked together?